

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 57-66

A prosthesis including an antral portion, an intestinal portion and an intermediate portion positionable within the pyloric sphincter.

2. Claims: 75-87

An apparatus comprising a tubular pouch with a proximal opening positionable in the esophagus and a distal opening positionable into the stomach.

The present application lacks unity within the meaning of Rule 13 of the P.C.T. for the following reasons:

The document US5820584 cited in our search report discloses a prosthesis including an antral portion, an intestinal portion and an intermediate portion positionable within the pyloric sphincter.

Beyond this prior art, the special technical features (in the meaning of Rule 13.2 of the P.C.T.) left in the independent claims 57, 75 of the application are:

In independent claim 57: none.

In independent claim 75: An apparatus comprising a tubular pouch with a proximal opening positionable in the esophagus and a distal opening positionable into the stomach.

No same or correspondent special technical feature can be found between claim 57 and claim 75.

There is therefore no technical relationship involving same or corresponding special technical features between claim 57 and claim 75.

The inventions defined in the above-mentioned claims are not linked by a common inventive concept.